

Christine Joyce

From: RMGerath@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2005 3:40 PM
To: Board of Selectmen
Subject: 10/17 Selectman Meeting - Requirement to Complete Paving of Musket Drive

My husband and I are in complete agreement with Mr. Nyer. We were shocked to hear the reason for Musket Drive having remained unpaved for this long. The fact that it has remained unpaved has, as Mr. Nyer points out, created unnecessary and ongoing hazzardous conditions.

We too understand the concern regarding motorists who drive too quickly on many of the roads in Patriots Hill, including Jefferson Drive. But leaving Musket Drive unpaved for this long simply creates two hazzards, rather than one. Given that we are in mid-October with impending snow storms it is imperative that the road be paved within the next few weeks.

We too urge the Town Selectman to make the decision on Monday, October 17th to complete the paving of Musket Drive immediately.

Ruth and Chris Gerath
10 Jefferson Drive

Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2005 3:43 PM
To: 'bos@acton-ma.gov'
Subject: Completion of Musket Drive Road Maintenance

I am writing to urge the Board of Selectman to complete the resurfacing project on Musket Drive without further delay.

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While I am sympathetic to concerns about neighborhood safety, their request was not based on a broad appeal but rather on the interests of a few residents. Furthermore, by delaying the completion of the project it has in fact caused a safety hazzard that for the last six weeks has required drivers to weave between pot holes and raised manhole covers in the face of oncoming traffic. For me on one occassion, it resulted in a flat tire that was damaged beyond repair. So I'm out \$121 and continue to deal with a very unsafe road.

With winter approaching Musket Drive needs to be resurfaced immediately, not just patched, so that plows can effectively deal with the snow. When this topic is brought up this Monday October 17th, I would like the Board to consider the needs of all the residents living in Patriots Hill. Complete the work that was started and table the discussion about redesigned the road for another time that is less time sensitive.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Barry Nyer
31 Washington Drive

10/17/2005

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From: Peter Ashton
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2005 12:35 PM
To: b.nyer@verizon.net
Cc: Board of Selectmen; Don Johnson
Subject: Re: Completion of Musket Drive Road Maintenance

Dear Barry:

Yours is not the first complaint regarding this matter that has come to my attention and I certainly understand your concern. I discussed the issue just this past Friday with the town manager. There was about a one week delay in the resurfacing due to the issues raised by certain residents of Musket drive regarding traffic. Since that time the delay has been the result of two things: first, our [paving contractor pulled out of the job due to contractual issues which as I understand it are now close to being resolved if not actually resolved. Second we had 9 straight days of rain which prevented any work from being done. Now that the sun is shining again as long as we have worked out things with the our paving contractor I would expect Musket Drive to be ready for repaving later this week.

If any of these facts have changed since Friday, by copy of this message to the town manger, I would ask that he clarify or provide more information Monday evening.

Regards,

Peter Ashton

10/17/2005